

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12P19/04 A61K39/02 A61K39/102 A61K47/48

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	PEETERS CARLA C A M ET AL: "Preparation of polysaccharide-conjugate vaccines." METHODS IN MOLECULAR MEDICINE. 2003, vol. 87, August 2003 (2003-08), pages 153-174, XP001204262 ISSN: 1543-1894 the whole document -----	10-17
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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1-5, 10-16

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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Invention 1: Claims 1-5, 10-16

A method of producing a capsular polysaccharide from an encapsulated bacterium, and a method for producing a polysaccharide conjugate.

Invention 2: Claims 6-9

Method of recovering a polysaccharide from a fermentation broth.

Invention 3: Claim 17

Pharmaceutical composition comprising a conjugate comprising a capsular polysaccharide and a protein.

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